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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

United States Patent No. 5,841,711 (Watanabe), dated November 24, 1998;

United States Patent No. 5,862,097 (Toda), dated January 19, 1999;

German Examination Report dated November 13, 2003.

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As per the Notice in 1273 OG 55 (August 5, 2003) no copies of any above-mentioned U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are submitted for any application filed after June 30, 2003.

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